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SUBJ: LOS: MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESERCH, THIRD COMITE

WORKING GROUP--20APRIL

1. DISCUSSIONS OF WORKING GROUP ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH  
OPENED ON 20 APRIL WITH FRG, SUPPORTED BY FRANCE, PROPOSING  
INSERTING QUOTE AND VOLUNTARILY APPLICABLE UNQUOTE AFTER  
QUOTE UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED UNQUOTE IN ART 6 OF TECHNOLOGY  
TRANSFER ARTICLES. EGYPT, NIGERIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND ZAMBIA  
OPPOSED THE FRG ON THE GROUNDS THAT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER  
GUIDELINES SHOULD BE OBLIGATORY.

2. PAKISTAN PROPOSED DELETING SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO LANDLOCKED  
STATES IN ART. 4 (A) MAKING IT APPLICABLE TO ALL DEVELOPING  
STATES. EIGHT LL/GDS STATES PLUS NIGERIA SPOKE AGAINST THE  
PAKISTANI AMENDMENT. BRAZIL, INDIA, OMAN AND SOMALIA  
SUPPORTED PAKISTAN, WITH INDIA SUGGESTING THAT DIFFERENCES  
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OVER ARTICLE 4 (A) BE RESOLVED BY THE GROUP OF 77 WITHIN

THEIR OWN FORUM. AS A COMPROMISE, KENYA PROPOSED THAT QUOTE INCLUDING UNQUOTE BE SUBSTITUTED FOR QUOTE PARTICULARLY UNQUOTE IN THE REFERENCE TO DEVELOPING LAND-LOCKED STATES IN ART 4(A). THE KENYAN PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTABLE TO PAKISTAN AND SUPPORTED BY FIVE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF 77, BUT SEVERAL LL AND GDS SPOKE AGAINST IT.

3. SINGAPORE, ONE OF THE LL/GDS STATES SPEAKING AGAINST THE PAKISTANI AMENDMENT (PARA 2 ABOVE). NOTED DURING ITS INTERVENTION THAT THE LL/GDS GROUP HAS FORMULATED A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATE. UNDER THE LL/GDS FORMULATION, A GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATE IS A STATE:

A) HAVING NO ECONOMIC ZONE, OR  
B) HAVING AN ECONOMIC ZONE NOT GREATER THAN 30 0/0 OF THE AREA IT WOULD HAVE IF ITS ZONE COULD EXTEND SEWARD A FULL 200 MILES, OR  
C) WHICH DUE TO PHYSICAL OR ECOLOGICAL REASONS, DERIVES NO REAL BENEFIT FROM ITS ECONOMIC ZONE.

4. THE FRG, FRANCE, THE NETHERLANDS, JAPAN AND THE US URGED DELETION OF ARTICLES 8 AND 9 BECAUSE THEY ARE WITHIN THE MANDATE OF COMITE I. NINE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF 77 SPOKE AGAINST DELETION; SOME OF THESE INTERVENORS NOTED RATHER BITTERLY THAT IN COMITE I THE MARITIME STATES TAKE THE POSITION THAT ARTICLES ON THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE INTERNATIONAL AREA ARE WITHIN THE MANDATE OF COMITE III. THESE INTERVENORS SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE CHAIRMEN OF COMITE I AND III CONSULTING TOGETHER ON THIS ISSUE.

5. DURING ITS INTERVENTION URGING DELETION OF ARTICLES 8 AND 9, THE US ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ARTICLE 6 MIGHT PREJUDGE THE CODE OF CONDUCT BEING DEVELOPED BY UNCTAD.

6. NEXT MEETING OF MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WORKING GROUP OF 22 APRIL.

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